--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 255 x 15 mm. ---

John McKay records that 126,900 *lithographed* copies of the “1-10th, Blue” were ‘delivered’ under the **3rd BABN Contract** (1878-1886). These are “Series of 1880-81” blue Customs strips.

John McKay also records that 20,840 copies of “1-10lb., Long Blue, ‘83”, *recess printed* by hand press, were ‘delivered’ under the **4th BABN Contract** (1886-1892). These are **RP-610** - the 255 mm. blue strip from the “Series of 1883”, which was designed to replace the 1881 lithographed blue “Canada Customs” 1/10th pound strip.

McKay further records that 50,160 copies of “1/10, Blue”, *recess printed* by hand press were ‘delivered’ under the **5th BABN Contract** (1892-1897). These also are **RP-610** - the 255 mm. blue strips from the “Series of 1883”.

Lastly on separate lines under the **5th BABN Supplement** (1897-1898) McKay records, that 631,350 copies, *recess printed* rotary press, of “1/10 Black Tobacco”, plus 68,190 copies, *recess printed* hand press, were ‘delivered’. He does not usually use separate lines to differentiate these two recess printing processes, and I feel that the second line (i.e. with the 68,190 copies) ***should*** have been listed as “1/10 Blue Tobacco”. These sheets of **RP-610** had been printed under the **5th BABN Contract** and had remained in BABN stock when they lost the printing contract to ABN in 1897. By mutual agreement they were made available to the Department, while ABN worked ‘up-to-speed’ with their die preparation and the printing of the “Series of 1897”. There has to be this additional ‘delivery’ of the 1/10th pound 1883 blue strip, since the collection contains a copy with control **084981**.

4th BABN Contract - October 22nd 1886	20,840 recess (hand press)	**000001** to **020800**
5th BABN Contract - April 23rd 1892	50,160 recess (hand press)	**020801** to **071000**
5th BABN Supplement - (1897-1898)	68,190 recess (hand press)	**071001** to **139190**

The catalogue lists the recess printed “Series of 1883” blue 1/10th pound strips as follows:

RP-610 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, on horizontal mesh wove, with 4 mm. red controls

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In spite of the “Ottawa” sheet imprint on strip **084981** it seems from the use of 4 mm. red controls that the printing and numbering was done in Montreal. Were the earlier copies of **RP-610** from a sheet with a “Montreal” imprint?

RP-610 - 1/10th pound, *coarse roulette*, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove - with 4 mm. control **084981**, A top copy with 38 mm. **Ottawa** sheet imprint, rollered **TOBACCO / VANCOUVER / CUSTOMS**

--- 38 mm. **Ottawa** sheet imprint scanned at 300% scale ---

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--- 1/10th Pound - “Series of 1883” - BLUE - 5th BABN Contract (1892-1897) ---

--- Recess printed by hand press on wove paper with a distinct horizontal mesh - 4 mm. red controls ---

--- RP-610 - *coarse roulette* - 255 x 15 mm - scanned at 67% scale ---

RP-610 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, with 4 mm. control **030519**

RP-610 - 1/10th pound, blue, *coarse roulette*, with control **030490**
Stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic letters

030464	RP-610 CP	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - a suspect CP
030490★	RP-610 CP	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, stamped **CANCELLED** in 3 mm. Gothic - a suspect CP
030505	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
030506	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
030519★	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
030521	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
030532	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove
084981★	RP-610	1/10th pound, coarse roulette, printed by hand press on horizontal mesh wove, roller cancelled **TOBACCO / VANCOUVER / CUSTOMS**,

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